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CITY OF BEAVERTON'S 12TH ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK SERIES KICKS OFF JUNE 16

- Enjoy dinner, family-friendly activities with neighbors and local leaders -

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The community is invited to kick-off the summer at the 12th annual Picnic in the Park series beginning Monday, June 16 at 6 p.m. at Sexton Mountain Elementary (15645 SW Sexton Mountain Drive). Residents are invited to join their Neighborhood Association Committees (NACs) and enjoy an evening of fun and socializing.

Picnic goers can enjoy a free dinner from Qdoba or Garlic Jim's between 6 to 7 p.m. Family-friendly activities include the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation Nature mobile, a dress-up photo booth, the Beaverton Community Band and Tim Alexander, "The Strolling Magician."

During the picnic, volunteers from the city's Visioning Advisory Committee will be gathering ideas for planning the future of Beaverton. Attendees can fill out a visioning survey for a chance to win a laptop courtesy of Ecobinary Electronic Recycler.

Beaverton Police Officers and police dogs from the K-9 unit will also be onsite providing information about repurposing the city-owned building at SW Griffith Drive into a Public Safety Center. Attendees can sign-up for a free tour of the current Beaverton Police facility (4755 SW Griffith Drive).

"Picnics bring our community together in a safe and welcoming setting," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "This is a great occasion to have face-to-face conversations with local leaders and meet your neighbors at one of Beaverton's beautiful schools."

For the first time, the city will hold the Picnics in the Park at area schools within the Beaverton School District.

"We value our collaboration with the City of Beaverton on so many levels," said Maureen Wheeler, public communication officer for the Beaverton School District. "Our schools belong to the community, and we welcome our neighbors to our campuses as we start the summer season off with these wonderful city-sponsored picnics."

This is the first of four picnics. The full schedule and locations of the summer picnics:

Monday, June 16 at Sexton Mountain Elementary (15645 SW Sexton Mountain Drive)
Neighbors SW NAC
South Beaverton NAC
Greenway NAC
Sexton Mountain NAC

Friday, June 20 at Whitford Middle School (7935 SW Scholls Ferry Road)
Denney Whitford/Raleigh West NAC
Vose NAC
West Slope NAC

Wednesday, June 25 at Five Oaks Middle School (1600 NW 173rd Avenue)
Five Oaks/Triple Creek NAC

Friday, June 27 at Fir Grove Elementary (6300 SW Wilson Avenue)
Central Beaverton NAC
Highland NAC
West Beaverton NAC

In case of inclement weather, please call the Community Events Information Line at 503-526-2559 for location updates after noon on the day of the picnic. For more information about Picnics visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Picnic.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

In 2014, Beaverton was again recognized as the **safest city** in the Pacific Northwest. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a "**Smarter City**" **energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council** and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist**, as **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com*, **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. Beaverton also enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. For more information, reminders and community news, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov, like the City of Beaverton on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton, or follow on Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityofBeaverton.

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